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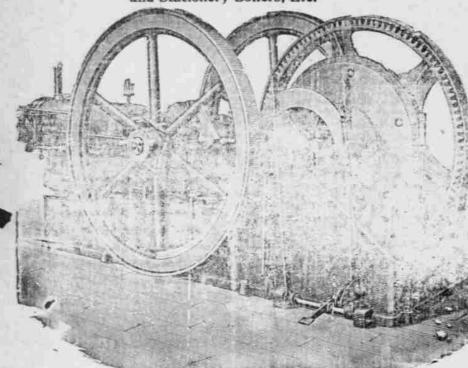
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osition for Future Date.

At a meeting of the Executive Comzona, the following resolution was ascertain the amount of water avail-

Resolved, That while we consider Angeles to Arizona may under proper California, we are convinced that such an excursion should originate with and be managed by some one or all of the three commercial bodies of this city that deal with general comof Commerce, the Merchants' Association and the Associated Jobbers, and that an excursion undertaken by private individulas, however worthy, will not only fail to carry the weight of one undertaken by these bodies, but may even tend to defeat the very purpose for which it is designed. It had been the purpose of this organization o propose to the other two commercial bodies that we all unite at some future date in the effort to forward such a movement, but we had deferred action until such a time as our negotiations now under way with the transportation companies for a readjustment of the unfavorable freight rates into that region had come to a successful conclusion. This committee still adheres to that plan, and hopes at some not very distant date from the hills, the most important of to be able to present a feasible project to our members, and, with their approval, to the other commercial bodies. Finally, with respect to the action taken by officers of this association regarding any proposed excursion to Arizona, we desire to say that it was done with the entire knowledge and under the direction of this committee, for the best interesta of the trade of this city, as we view ply the Indians for at least twentyit, and we are confident from expressions received from other members of of these waters of the underflow is the association that it will meet also fortunately favorable to their use in with their unanimous approval.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Railroads Offer Low Rate for Convention at El Paso-

Trans-Continental Passenger association, whose headquarters are at Chicago, has given notice to the officers of the Southwestern Irrigation congress of an extremely low rate offered flow is penetrated. On the other by the lines under his jurisdiction for hand, Mr. Lee believes that sufficient the benefit of those desiring to attend water can be drawn from the underthe National Irrigation convention, flow of the Gila Valley by means of which meets at El Paso, November pumping to supply the needs of the

to El Paso is offered by all lines west ing the available water supply. He of the Mississippi river, with an ex- estimates that ten plants of a capacity tension provision of thirty days.

eral passneger agent of the G. H. & the required 40,000 acre feet a year S. A. railway, who represents the as- and allow 36 per cent. of the time for sociation in the southwest, has fixed stoppage and repairs. Taking the cost

the western roads the irrigation as- struction of such plants will be safely sociation has also obtained unusually and profitably invested. low rates from the Mexican and territorial railways, not only for the of Mr. Lee's paper is that on the benefit of visitors, but for those wisb- economic conditions of the Indians. ing to take side trips to the City of Though peaceful, honest, and indus-Mexico or other points of interest trious, they are lacking in executive during or immediately after the con- ability. They are, however, easily

World's Fair Matters.

The Arizona World's Fair Commission held a meeting in this city yesterday aftrenoon the same being attended by Coi. A. J. Doran, president, B A. Packard and H. B. St. Claire. Very little of importance was done besides routine business. Bills were audited and the situation of the Arizona exhibit at the fair was discussed. Mr. Packard returned to his No. 104 of the Survey's series. It may home at Naco last night, and Col. be obtained free of charge on applica-Doran returned to Prescott on this tion to the Director of the United morning's train.

Last night Col. Doran stated that D. C. he intends to go back to St. Louis just as soon as possible to take full charge of Arizona's exhibit and will remain there till the close of the fair. He expects to be at the exposition by August 5, and if he can do so, he will each there sooner. He said that he would see to it that the Salt River Valley was represented at the fair by some one who was acquainted with the valley and its resources. He will relieve Mr. Leatherwood as soon as he arrives in St. Louis. E. E. Ford is Mrs. E E. Ford has control of the educational display. George D. Christy was to have taken charge of the horticultural exhibit and Col: Doran stated that he hoped to have Mr. Christy at the fair soon.

WATER FOR INDIANS.

Los Angeles Jobbers Take Up Prop- The Underflow in Gila River Is Abundant for Irrigation.

The underground waters of Gila mittee of the Associated Jobbers of Valley, Arizona, have been recently Los Angeles, held July 18, 1904, all investigated by Mr., Willis T. Lee, of the members being present to consider the United States Geological Survey. the question of an excursion to Ari- The object of the investigation was to able for irrigating the lands of the Indians in this valley. The greater that a trade excursion from Los part of the valley is included in the Pima Indian Reservation on which conditions be a distinct benefit in there are about 7,870 Indians. They cementing the good will that exists are an intelligent, industrious people between [that territory and southern and until 1800 they were prosperous. From time immemorial their irrigation canals had been supplied with water from the Gila, but since 1890 the diversion of the Gila waters above the reservation by white settlers has mercial issues, to wit, the Chamber caused a shortage of water. The result is that the area of lands cultivated by the Indians has decreased from 14,000 to 7,000 acres and the Pimas and Maricopas of this valley are now impoverished.

To find a remedy for this shortage of surface waters Mr. Lee has carefully studied the geographic relations and geologic conditions of the Gila Valley. He finds evidence that there is an amount of underground water in this region sufficient to saturate the valley soil and still give an overflow of 2000 inches. This water his probably due to the junction of three undertlows-those of Gila, Santa Cruz and Salt rivers. These are fed from at least three sources-rainfall in the valley, springs from the hillsides, and various streams that enter the valley which is the Gila itself. The quantity of waters held in the gravels at any one time within easy reach of pumps is estimated at from 1,120,000 to 1,960,000 acre feet. It is calculated that 40,000 acre feet of water a year will supply all the present needs of the Indians on the reservation. If the computations are correct, there is now accessible enough water to supeight years. The chemical character

available for irrigation are in use, seepage ditches and pumping plants. Where seepage ditches have been tried the results are disappointing. The quantity of water actually obtained falls far short of expectations; the Chairman James Charlton, of the cost of constructing and maintaining a deep ditch in the loose gravels and quicksands is large compared with the amount of water obtained, and at best Indians and also materially to extend A rate of one fare for the round trip the cultivated area without exhaustsimilar to that of the one now under T. J. Anderson, of Houston, gen-construction at Sacaton will supply River Valley as a criterion, Mr. Lee In addition to this concession from shows that money spent in the con-

> One of the most interesting chapters managed and are prosperous when wisely directed. When left to their own devices, they do not properly appreciate or utilize their advantages. At the western half of the reservation their most imperative need is adequate supervision. Their needs at the eastern balf are, first, a water supply: second, supervision. It is Mr. Lee's opinion that a water supply without supervision would be unwise.

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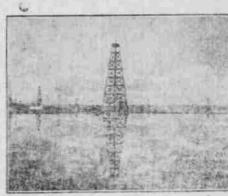
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